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I have bewept a worthy husband's death,  
And liv'd by looking on his images:  
But now two mirrors of his princely semblance  
Are crack'd in pieces by malignant death. *Shaksp. R. III.*  
The image of the jett  
I'll shew you here at large. *Shaksp. Mer. Wives of Windsor.*  
He made us to his image all agree;  
That image is the foul, and that must be,  
Or not the maker's image, or be free. *Dryden.*  
4. Semblance; show; appearance.  
Deny to speak with me? They're sick, they're weary,  
They have travell'd all night! Mere fetches,  
The images of revolt. *Shaksp. King Lear.*  
This is the man should do the bloody deed:  
The image of a wicked heinous fault  
Lives in his eye. *Shaksp. King John.*  
The face of things a frightful image bears,  
And present death in various forms appears. *Dryden's En.*  
5. An idea; a representation of any thing to the mind; a picture drawn in the fancy.  
Outcasts of mortal race! can we conceive  
Image of aught delightful, soft, or great? *Prior.*  
When we speak of a figure of a thousand angles, we may  
have a clear idea of the number one thousand angles; but the  
image, or sensible idea, we cannot distinguish by fancy from  
the image of a figure that has nine hundred angles. *Watts.*  
To IMAGE. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To copy by the fancy;  
to imagine.  
How are immaterial substances to be imaged, which are  
such things whereof we can have no notion? *Dryden.*  
Image to thy mind  
How our forefathers to the Stygian shades  
Went quick. *Phillips.*  
His ear oft frighted with the imag'd voice  
Of heav'n, when first it thunder'd. *Prior.*  
If fate some future bard shall join  
In sad similitude of griefs to mine,  
Condemn'd whole years in absence to deplore,  
And image charms he must behold no more. *Pope.*  
IMAGERY. *n. f.* [from *image*.]  
1. Sensible representations; pictures; statues.  
Of marble stone was cut  
An altar, carv'd with cunning imagery. *Fairy Queen.*  
When in those oratories might you see  
Rich carvings, portraits, and imagery;  
Where every figure to the life express'd  
The godhead's pow'r. *Dryden's Knight's Tale.*  
Your gift shall two large goblets be  
Of silver, wrought with curious imagery,  
And high embold'd. *Dryden's En.*  
2. Show; appearance.  
What can thy imagery of sorrow mean?  
Secluded from the world, and all its cares,  
Hast thou to grieve or joy, to hope or fear? *Prior.*  
All the visionary beauties of the prospect, the paint and  
imagery that attracted our senses, fade and disappear. *Rogers.*  
Things of the world fill the imaginative part with beauties  
and fantastick imagery. *Taylor.*  
3. Copies of the fancy; false ideas; imaginary phantasms.  
It might be a mere dream which he saw; the imagery of  
a melancholick fancy, such as musing men mistake for a  
reality. *Atterbury's Sermons.*  
4. Representations in writing; such descriptions as force the  
image of the thing described upon the mind.  
I wish there may be in this poem any instance of good  
imagery. *Dryden.*  
IMAGINABLE. *adj.* [imaginable, Fr. from *imaginer*.] Possible  
to be conceived.  
It is not imaginable that men will be brought to obey what  
they cannot esteem. *South's Sermons.*  
Men, sunk into the greatest darkness imaginable, retain some  
sense and awe of a Deity. *Tillotson's Sermons.*  
IMAGINANT. *adj.* [imaginant, French.] Imagining; forming  
ideas.  
We will enquire what the force of imagination is, either  
upon the body *imaginant*, or upon another body. *Bacon.*  
IMAGINARY. *adj.* [imaginaire, French, from *imaginer*.]  
1. Fancied; visionary; existing only in the imagination.  
False sorrow's eye,  
Which, for things true, weeps things imaginary. *Shaksp.*  
Expectation whirls me round:  
Th' imaginary self is so sweet,  
That it enchants my sense. *Shaksp. Troilus and Cressida.*  
Fortune is nothing else but a power imaginary, to which  
the success of human actions and endeavours were for their  
variety ascribed. *Raleigh's History of the World.*  
Why wilt thou add, to all the griefs I suffer,  
Imaginary ills and fancied tortures? *Addison's Cato.*  
IMAGINATION. *n. f.* [imaginatio, Latin; imagination, French,  
from *imaginer*.]  
1. Fancy; the power of forming ideal pictures; the power of  
representing things absent to one's self or others.

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Imagination I understand to be the representation of an in-  
dividual thought. Imagination is of three kinds: joined with  
belief of that which is to come; joined with memory of that  
which is past; and of things present, or as if they were pre-  
sent: for I comprehend in this imagination feigned and at plea-  
sure, as if one should imagine such a man to be in the vest-  
ments of a pope, or to have wings. *Bacon.*  
Our simple apprehension of corporal objects, if present, is  
sense; if absent, imagination; when we would perceive a ma-  
terial object, our fancies present us with its idea. *Glauco. Scyth.*  
O whither shall I run, or which way fly  
The fight of this horrid spectacle,  
Which erst my eyes beheld, and yet behold!  
For dire imagination still pursues me. *Milton's Agonistes.*  
His imaginations were often as just as they were bold and  
strong. *Dennis.*  
Where beams of warm imagination play,  
The memory's soft figures melt away. *Pope.*  
2. Conception; image in the mind; idea.  
Sometimes despair darkens all her imaginations; sometimes  
the active passion of love cheers and clears her invention. *Sid.*  
Princes have but their titles for their glories,  
An outward honour for an inward toil;  
And, for unfelt imaginations,  
They often feel a world of restless cares. *Shaksp. R. III.*  
Better I were distract,  
So should my thoughts be leved from my griefs;  
And woes, by wrong imaginations, lose  
The knowledge of themselves. *Shaksp. King Lear.*  
We are apt to think that space, in itself, is actually bound-  
less; to which imagination, the idea of space, of itself leads  
us. *Licht.*  
3. Contrivance; scheme.  
Thou hast seen all their vengeance, and all their imagina-  
tions against me. *Lam. iii. 60.*  
IMAGINATIVE. *adj.* [imaginativus, Fr. from *imaginer*.] Fantastick;  
full of imagination.  
Witches are imaginative, and believe oft times they do that  
which they do not. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
Lay fetters and restraints upon the imaginative and fanta-  
stical part, because our fancy is usually pleased with the enter-  
tainment of shadows and gauds. *Taylor's Rule of living holy.*  
To IMAGINE. *v. a.* [imaginer, French; imaginor, Latin.]  
1. To fancy; to paint in the mind.  
Look what notes and garments he doth give thee,  
Bring them, I pray thee, with imagin'd speed. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*  
Are less than horrible imaginings. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*  
What are our ideas of eternity and immensity but the re-  
peated additions of certain ideas of imagined parts of duration  
and expansion, with the infinity of number, in which we can  
come to no end of addition? *Licht.*  
2. To scheme; to contrive.  
They intended evil against thee, they imagined a mischie-  
vous device. *Pf. xxi. 11.*  
IMAGINER. *n. f.* [from *imaginer*.] One who forms ideas.  
The juggler took upon him to know that such an one should  
point in such a place of a garter that was held up; and still he  
did it, by first telling the *imaginer*, and after bidding the actor  
think. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
IMBECILE. *adj.* [imbecilis, Latin; imbecille, French.] Weak;  
feeble; wanting strength of either mind or body.  
To IMBECILE. *v. a.* [from the adjective.] This word is cor-  
ruptly written *embazile*. To weaken a stock or fortune by  
clandestine expences or unjust appropriations.  
Princes must in a special manner be guardians of pupils and  
widows, not suffering their persons to be oppressed, or their  
states *imbeciled*. *Taylor's Rule of living holy.*  
IMBECILITY. *n. f.* [imbecillitas, French.] Weakness; feeble-  
ness of mind or body.  
A weak and imperfect rule argueth *imbecility* and imper-  
fection. *Hooker, b. iv.*  
No *imbecility* of means can prejudice the truth of the pro-  
mise of God herein. *Hooker.*  
We that are strong must bear the *imbecility* of the impotent,  
and not please ourselves. *Hooker.*  
That way we are contented to prove, which, being the  
work in itself, is notwithstanding now, by reason of common  
*imbecility*, the fitter and likelier to be brooked. *Hester.*  
Strength would be lord of *imbecility*,  
And the rude son would strike his father dead. *Shaksp. Lear.*  
*Imbecility*, for sex and age, was such as they could not lift up  
a hand against them. *King Charles.*  
When man was fallen, and had abandoned his primitive  
innocence, a strange *imbecility* immediately seized and laid hold  
of him. *Woodward's Natural History.*  
To IMBIBE. *v. a.* [imbibere, Latin; imbibere, French.]  
1. To drink in; to draw in.  
A pot of ashes will receive more hot water than cold, for-  
asmuch as the warm water *imbibeth* more of the salt. *Brewer.*  
The torrent mercilefs *imbibe*  
Commissions, perquisites, and bribes. *Swift.*  
Illumin'd wide,  
The dewy-skirted clouds *imbibe* the sun. *Thomson's Autumn.*  
2. To admit into the mind.  
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fluence of this belief to the whole gospel, which they will not  
allow to contain any thing but promises. *Hammond.*  
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Heat and cold have a virtual transition, without communi-  
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tion there is required an *imbibition*. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
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1. To hold on the bosom; to cover fondly with the folds of one's  
garment; to hide under any cover.  
The Father infinite,  
By whom in bliss *imbosom'd* sat the son. *Milton's Par. Lost.*  
Villages *imbosom'd* soft in trees,  
And spiry towns by furling columns mark'd. *Thomson.*  
2. To admit to the heart, or to affection.  
But glad desire, his late *imbosom'd* guest,  
Yet but a babe, with milk of fight he nurst. *Sidney.*  
Who glad *imbosom* his affection vile,  
Did all the might, more plainly to appear. *Fairy Queen.*  
To IMBO'UND. *v. a.* [from *boud*.] To inclose; to shut in.  
That sweet breath,  
Which was *embosom'd* in this beauteous clay. *Shak. K. John.*  
To IMBO'W. *v. a.* [from *bou*.] To arch; to vault.  
Prince Arthur gave a box of diamond sure,  
*Imbosom'd* with gold and gorgeous ornament. *Fairy Queen.*  
*Imbosom'd* windows be pretty retiring places for conference:  
they keep both the wind and sun off. *Bacon.*  
Let my due feet never fail  
To walk the studious cloister's pale,  
And love the high *embosom'd* roof,  
With antick pillar mazy proof. *Milton.*  
IMBO'WMENT. *n. f.* [from *imbou*.] Arch; vault.  
The roof all open, not so much as any *embowment* near any  
of the walls left. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
To IMBO'WER. *v. a.* [from *bower*.] To cover with a bower;  
to shelter with trees.  
And flooping thence to Ham's *embowering* walks,  
In spotless peace retir'd. *Thomson.*  
To IMBRAS'WEE. *v. a.* To intangle. A low word.  
With subtle cobweb cheats  
They're catch'd in knotted law, like nets;  
In which, when once they are *imbrangled*,  
The more they flit, the more they're tangled. *Hudibras.*  
IMBRICATED. *adj.* [from *imbricx*, Latin.] Indented with  
concavities; bent and hollowed like a roof or gutter-tile.  
IMBRICATION. *n. f.* [imbricx, Latin.] Concave indenture.  
All is guarded with a well made tegument, adorned with  
neat *imbrications*, and many other fineries. *Derham.*  
To IMBRO'WN. *v. a.* [from *brown*.] To make brown; to darken;  
to obscure; to cloud.  
Where the morning sun first warmly smote  
The open field, and where the unpiere'd shade  
*Imbrown'd* the noontide bow'rs. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
The walking crew,  
At thy request, support the miry shoe;  
The foot grows black that was with dirt *imbrown'd*,  
And in thy pocket ginging half-pence found. *Goy.*  
Another age shall see the golden ear  
*Imbrown* the slope, and nod on the parterre. *Pope.*  
*Imbrown'd* with native bronze, lo! Henly stands. *Pope.*  
To IMBRU'E. *v. a.* [from *imbru* and *brue*.]  
1. To steep; to soak; to wet much or long.  
Thou mad'st many hearts to bleed  
Of mighty victors, with wide wounds *embra'd*,  
And by thy cruel darts to thee subdu'd. *Spenser.*  
There streams a spring of blood so fast  
From those deep wounds, as all *embra'd* the face  
Of that accursed caiff. *Daniel's Civil War.*  
The merciless Turks, *embra'd* with the Christian blood,  
were weary of slaughter, and began greedily to seek after the  
spoil. *Kneller's History of the Turks.*  
At me, as at a mark, his bow he drew,  
Whole arrows in my blood their wings *imbrue*. *Sandys.*  
Lucius pities the offenders,  
That would *embraue* their hands in Cato's blood. *Addison.*  
Lo! these hands in murder are *imbru'd*,  
Those trembling feet by justice are pursu'd. *Prior.*  
These, where two ways in equal parts divide,  
The direful monster from afar defcry'd,  
Two bleeding babes depending at her side;  
Whole panting vitals, warm with life, she draws,  
And in their hearts *embraue* her cruel claws. *Pope.*  
His virgin sword *Attythus*' veins *imbru'd*;  
The murderer fell, and blood atton'd for blood. *Pope.*  
A good man chafes rather to pass by a verbal injury than  
*imbrue* his hands in blood. *Clarissa.*  
2. To pour; to emit moisture. Obsolete.  
Some bathed kisses, and did oft *embraue*  
The sugar'd liquor through his melting lips. *Fairy Queen.*  
To IMBRU'RE. *v. a.* [from *brute*.] To degrade to brutality.  
I, who erst contended  
With gods to sit the highest, am now constrain'd  
Into a beast; and mix with bestial flame,  
This essence to incarnate and *imbrute*. *Milton's Par. Lost.*  
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